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SUBJ: ISRAELI EFFORTS TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL AIR LINKS

1. THE ISRAELI PRESS REPORTED THAT AN AIR AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND MEXICO WAS SIGNED ON SEPT 15. THE AGREEMENT WILL ALLOW EL AL TO BEGIN FLIGHTS TO MEXICO NEXT MONTH VIA EUROPE. THE MEXICANS DO NOT PLAN TO USE THE NEWLY AGREED ON ROUTE AS OF YET.

2. THE ACTING SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT THE SPANISH CHARTER AIRLINE SPANTAX HAS ASKED TO OPERATE FLIGHTS FROM MADRID TO ISRAEL NEXT SEASON. SPANTAX PROPOSES TO OPERATE THE FLIGHTS ON TERMS DIFFERENT FROM THE CRITERIA FOR CHARTERS ALREADY ESTABLISHED BY THE ISRAELI MINISTRIES OF TOURISM AND TRANSPORTATION. SPANTAX WANTS TO SELL TICKETS TO ALL, NOT JUST TO PILGRIMS AS REQUIRED BY ISRAELI CHARTER RULES. HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN AIR LINK WITH SPAIN, WHICH MAY LEAD TO EL AL LANDING RIGHTS IN MADRID, UNCLASSIFIED

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IS VERY APPEALING--POLITICALLY AS WELL AS ECONOMICALLY--THE

THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM WILL RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION WHEN THEY MEET AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR CHARTER AFFAIRS.

3. THE ISRAELI BROADCASTING CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON REPORTED ON SEPT 14 THAT AN ROUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND IRELAND WILL PROBABLY OPEN IN THE COMING YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELI PRESS, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EL AL DISCUSSED WITH IRISH AVIATION OFFICIALS MUTUAL LANDING RIGHTS IN DUBLIN AND TEL AVIV, AND A NEW ROUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S. WITH STOPS AT DUBLIN AND ROME.

4. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EL AL, VISITING LONDON, DISCUSSED WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF EL AL GAINING LAND RIGHTS IN HONG KONG. PRESUMABLY, THIS WOULD BE ONE OF THE LINKS IN EL AL'S LONG-DESIRED ROUND THE WORLD SERVICE. TOON

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